

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge he is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When huge corporations control the airwaves, we get much more of what's best for corporate profits and far less of what we need to maintain a true democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions highlight EXACTLY why we need to strengthen media ownership rules and not weaken them! They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.